

Commission Notes



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Community impact a key message at legislative briefing

Hoosier legislators could hardly miss the theme of a recent legislative breakfast meeting held at the Indianapolis Arts Garden and hosted by the Indiana Advocates for the Arts.

From the musical talents of students from Throop Elementary School and Out of the Woods Music Shop in Paoli, Indiana to the stirring testimony of public officials and education professionals, the message that rang loud and clear was that the arts, and particularly arts education is vital to the future of our communities and our state.



Government and education leaders, such as Hammond Mayor Duane Dedelow, Jr., shared with legislators and guests the impact of the arts on their communities (IAC photo)

Guest speakers included Robin Tew, executive assistant to Governor Frank O'Bannon; Rod Trabue, CEO of the Indianapolis Urban Arts



Legislators and other guests were treated to the vocal and instrumental talents of students from Throop Elementary School and Out of the Woods Music Shop of Paoli, IN (left) and a demonstration of net weaving by craft artist Jim Cooper, New Harmony, IN. (IAC photos)



Consortium; John Corey, retired president of Lafayette Savings Bank; Duane Dedelow, Jr., Mayor of Hammond; Richard Shirey, Delaware County Center Township Trustee; and William Hopper, IAC Commissioner and retired principal of Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary School.

Each of the speakers shared experiences of the impact the arts have in their communities, their lives and the lives of others.

Hopper cited an example from his former school where achievement scores increased after

the introduction of an expanded arts program. He also pointed out that an increased number of these students tended to follow an advanced academic course of study through middle school and beyond.

"All of our speakers did a tremendous job of highlighting the impact that arts have on educational, economic, and community enrichment," said Suzie Coles, president of the Indiana Arts Advocates. "We were very encouraged by the number of legislators and community leaders in attendance."

IAC joins national arts education awareness campaign

The Indiana Arts Commission recently announced that it is supporting the national public awareness campaign "Art. Ask for More" launched by Americans for the Arts and the Advertising Council.

The IAC joins more than 290 arts organizations in all 50 states that will help promote the campaign promoting the importance of arts education.

"The IAC, along with eight other Indiana arts organizations, have joined this national campaign because we strongly believe in the importance of arts education," said Dorothy L. Ilgen, executive director of the IAC. "The IAC's task force of educators, business and



community leaders completed a yearlong study of arts education in Indiana.

Among recommendations from this study was the need to promote greater public awareness of the importance of arts education. As a result, the IAC is thrilled to have the opportunity to be a partner in this important awareness campaign."

In addition to the electronic ads, the campaign will also include radio and print ads as well.

The goal of the two-year campaign is to drive parents to the AFTA Web site

(www.AmericansForTheArts.org). There, parents will find a wealth of practical information on how to involve the arts in their children's lives.

Other Indiana arts organizations participating at various local sponsorship levels include: the Arts Council of Indianapolis, Indianapolis; the Bloomington Area Arts Council; the Columbus Area Arts Council; Dearborn Highlands Arts Council, Aurora; International Council of Fine Arts Deans, Evansville; Muncie Center for the Arts, Muncie; Southern Indiana Center for the Arts, Seymour; and the Tippecanoe Arts Federation, Lafayette.

New codes will affect RAPs and others

Due to population growth, business development, and expanding demands of technology, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission recently approved the creation of two new area code districts covering much of north central and northeast Indiana.

Announced January 15, the use of the 574 and 260 area codes have been optional. However, beginning June 14 calls made to these areas of Indiana must be made using the new area codes.

Most apparent to the Indiana Arts Commission and its constituents will be area code changes for the following Regional Arts Partner organizations:

Region 2 - Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, Inc., South Bend:
voice - 574-232-0041
fax - 574-233-1906

Region 3 - Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, Inc., Fort Wayne:
voice - 260-424-0646
fax - 260-424-2783

Region 5 - Arts Place, Inc., Portland:
voice - 260-726-4809
fax - 260-726-2081

The 219 area code previously recognized for all of northern Indiana will still be used in the northwestern corner of the

state. Region 1 Arts Partner Northern Indiana Arts Association in Munster will continue to use the 219 area code.

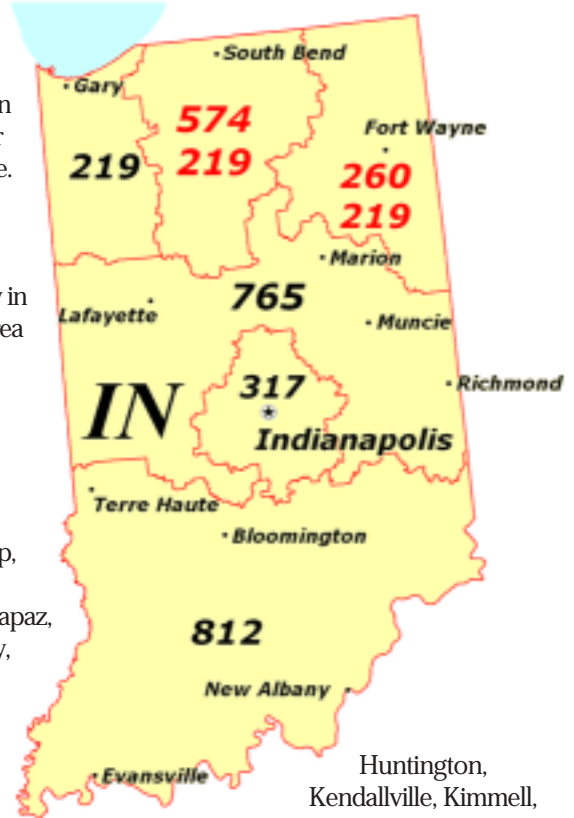
If you have questions whether an organization's area code will change, the following communities formerly in the 219 area will be included in the area code reassignments:

574 Area Code

Akron, Argos, Atwood, Bourbon, Bremen, Bristol, Buffalo, Burket, Burnettsville, Burrows, Camden, Claypool, Culver, Deer Creek, Dunlap, Elkhart, Flora, Galveston, Goshen, Hamlet, Idaville, Kewanna, Knox, Lapaz, Leesburg, Logansport, Lucerne, Macy, Mentone, Middlebury, Milford, Millersburg, Milwood, Monterey, Monticello, Nappanee, New Carlisle, New Paris, North Judson, North Liberty, North Webster, Osceola, Piercetown, Plymouth, Rochester, Royal Center, South Bend, Star City, Syracuse, Tippecanoe, Twelve Mile, Wakarusa, Walkerton, Walton, Warsaw, Winamac, Wyatt, Yeoman.

260 Area Code

Albion, Andrews, Angola, Arcola, Ashley, Auburn, Avilla, Berne, Bippus, Bluffton, Butler, Bryant, Churubusco, Columbia City, Corunna, Craigville, Cromwell, Decatur, Etna, Fort Wayne, Fremont, Garrett, Geneva, Hamilton, Harlan, Howe, Huntertown,



Huntington, Kendallville, Kimmell, Lagrange, Largo, Larwill, Laud, Leo, Liberty Center, Ligonier, Linn Grove, Markle, Mongo, Monroe, Monroeville, New Haven, North Manchester, Orland, Ossian, Pennville, Petroleum, Pleasant Lake, Pleasant Mills, Poe-Hoagland, Pokagon, Preble, Reservoir, Roanoke, Saint Joe, Salamonie, Shipshewana, Sidney, Silver Lake, South Milford, South Whitley, Spencerville, Tocsin, Topeka, Tri Lakes, Uniondale, Urbana, Wabash, Warren, Waterloo, Wawaka, Wolcottville, Woodburn, Zanesville.

Arts Trust license plate off to a good start in 2002

The Indiana Arts Commission's Cultural Trust Fund license plate began 2002 showing strong sales figures for the first two months of the year.

According to preliminary sales figures from the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), a total of 223 plates were purchased or renewed during the first two months of this year. January sales alone totaled 100 plates, an increase of 20 plates from the same month one year ago.

Plate sales and renewals so far this year, combined with those of the past two years, total 2,993 plates generating a total of \$74,825 for the IAC Cultural Trust Fund.

It's a new plate year

Many Arts Trust plate customers will discover they will be getting a new plate this year rather than a renewal sticker.

This year begins a new five-year plate cycle for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. New plates are issued this year with renewal stickers issued the next four years.



NEA seeks nominations for 2002 Medal of Arts

Because of September 11, the awarding of the 2001 National Medal of Arts was delayed until April of this year. To get back on track, the NEA will observe a short period of time to accept public nominations for the 2002 National Medal.

Nominations may be made on-line (www.arts.gov/guide/Medals02). Because of difficulties with receipt of mail, the NEA will no longer accept nominations by mail. Nominations will also be accepted by fax to: 202-682-5638.

Nominations will be accepted through May 15, 2002.